

OCTOBER CALENDAR

COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2006 AT 7:00 PM
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2006 AT 7:00 PM

Education Committee.....First Tuesday of the month, at 8:00 pm (10/03/06)
 Parks & Recreation Committee.....Third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (10/19/06)
 Planning & Zoning BoardLast Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (10/26/06)
 Tourist Bureau,.....Third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm (10/16/06)

Surfside LuauSaturday, October 7, 2006, 6:00-8:00 pm
 on the Beach Hardpack behind the Community Center

Jazz on the Beach.....Sunday, October 22, 2006
 Halloween Spooktacular.....Tuesday, October 31, 2006

Crime Prevention Workshop.....Wednesday, October 18, at 6:30 pm

UPCOMING:

SURFSIDE CHARRETTE
Monday, November 13 thru Sunday, November 19

VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY.....Saturday, November 11, 2006
 Art Walk.....Sunday, November 19, 2006
 Thanksgiving Day.....Thursday, November 23, 2006
 Movie Under the Stars.....Saturday, December 2, 2006, 8:30 pm, 96th Street Park

Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change. To verify the information, contact Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, visit the Website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov or tune in to Cable Channel 77.

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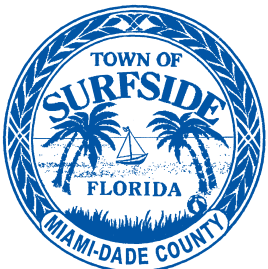
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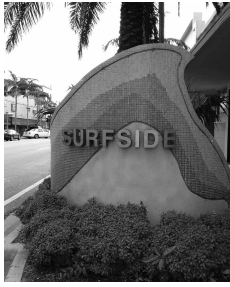
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THE MAYOR'S VIEW



*Mayor
Charles W. Burkett*

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I was very excited to be a part of voting to support the fine work of Ken Arnold and his committee to move the Charrette process forward at our recent meeting. This means that everyone will be invited very soon to shape the future of our town in a multitude of ways. Last month I went through all the different areas that it will touch on and look forward to seeing you at the input meetings scheduled for the next few

months. Of the many things that the Charrette will do, it will help us program our new community center. By that I mean, it will help us to decide what to "put into" the building. Further to that point, the Community Center Committee has begun to meet and will incorporate all of the fine work that has been done to date and also incorporate the suggestions of the Charrette. The Community Center Committee is also speaking with consultants who are expert in constructing "green" buildings which would really be the "icing on the cake" for our project. The pool at the community center is most likely to remain closed. As the demolition of most of the old center, (while preserving the historic facade I hope) moves for-

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Surfside Charrette

Nov. 13 thru Nov. 19, 2006

ward, the old pool will be removed too. I am hopeful that we can somehow not lose our entire investment in the hastily installed children's mini water park, but given the large scope of the new community center project, I'm not optimistic. In any event, the misguided and last minute construction by the prior administration of that water park is a lesson to us all in how not to plan and construct town projects. I'm hopeful we've all learned that expensive lesson!

On another note, you'll all remember my promises made in the campaign about keeping Surfside a low density, low rise, sea-side paradise. You may have also noticed in your travels along Collins Avenue at 95th Street, a closed and fenced in property formerly known as the Coronado. This property has been purchased and the new owners have proposed a five story town house style building, which would require variances, but which by many accounts is a very well done and attractive project. This notwithstanding, the neighbors on both sides of the proposed project have objected and feel as though the developers should not be given the variances they have requested. After listening to a detailed presentation by the applicant and our Town Planners, our Planning Board members have voted to recommend its passage. By the time you read this, it will have been before

COMMISSIONERS' CORNER

Greetings neighbor. I hope this issue of the Gazette finds you and your family enjoying life as a Surfside resident. It has been about 6 months since the last municipal election and I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the status



*Commissioner
Howard Weinberg*

of some of the issues that you discussed with me during the campaign. Credit for the progress we have made goes to my fellow elected officials as well as the Manager, those

employees acting at his direction and volunteer committee members. However, most of the credit goes to YOU, the residents, that demand all that you are entitled to including, among other things, improved amenities, activities services, responsible fiscal policy, a kinder, gentler, more responsive government, and a clear vision for the future.

We have only just begun. Much hard work is ahead. However, we have started down the road with determination and purpose.

LATERAL SEWER HOOK-UP

You no longer need to worry about

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SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS



1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

On September 12, 2006 Town Manager, W.D. Higginbotham presented the recommended budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (FY-07) at the first Public Budget Hearing. The Town Commission reduced the millage rate of 5.603 by .003 from the prior year's. The new millage rate is 5.600. While the millage rate has been reduced from the adopted millage rate for FY-06, the increase in assessed valuation of properties within the Town of Surfside is estimated to result in \$1,579,337 additional funding for the coming year's needs.

GENERAL FUND

The total proposed general fund budget for FY-07 is \$8,232,273 which represents an overall decrease of \$1,569,039 compared to the FY-06 adopted budget. Since Bay Harbor and Bal Harbour intend to terminate their participation in the tri-city Library, the proposed FY-07 budget includes a General Fund subsidy of the Library Operations in the amount of \$161,738. Notable increases in the proposed FY-07 budget include the following:

- Update of the town's Comprehensive Plan.
- \$80,000 for enhancements to the town's audio visual broadcasting capabilities.
- \$60,000 for new accounting software.
- \$70,000 for rental of the modulators.

It is important to recognize that the proposed budget document as presented on September 12 did not include funding for the following:

- The proposed Charette or any associated projects.
- Adjustments to employee compensation resulting from the salary survey currently underway.

It was anticipated that such items

would be addressed by the Town Commission prior to adoption of the final budget which occurred on September 26, 2006. In total, the proposed FY-07 budget will result in estimated revenues exceeding proposed expenditures by \$2,316,413.

The following Resolutions were approved by the Commission:

2. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, approving the settlement and release agreement with Robert Verzura; Verzura International Construction, Inc. and Verzura Construction, Inc; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: 3 – 2** (*Commissioner Blumstein and Commissioner Levine dissenting*)

3. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida approving the settlement and release agreement with Coregis Insurance Company; providing for an effective date. **Vote: 4 – 1** (*Commissioner Levine dissenting*)

4. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, approving payment of \$155,000 form the settlement of counsel fees involving Young Israel of Bal Harbour, Inc. and Nathan Lewin, Esq. and Lewin & Lewin, LLLP; providing for an effective date.. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

5. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, approving payment of \$155,000 form the settlement and Release Agreement with United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company; providing for an effective date.. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

6. A Resolution of the Town of Surfside, Florida, offering the temporary use of two portables for use at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary School for the fall 2006 through spring 2007 school year; and providing for an

effective date.. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

The following Ordinances were approved on Second Reading.

7. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Section 78 "Utilities" of the Code of the Town of Surfside to eliminate a portion of Section 78-52(c) so that the Sanitary Sewage Laterals connection to the town's gravity sanitary main sewer in the public right of way are no longer the responsibility of the real property owner, tenant or occupant; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

8. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Division II, Section 90-58 "Applications for Zoning Changes; Rules of Procedure" of the Code of the Town of Surfside in order to revise the procedure for approval of variances, special use permits, conditional use approvals and zoning changes; providing for severability, inclusion in the Code and an effective date. **Vote: 4 – 1** (*Mayor Burkett dissenting*)

9. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Division V, Section 90, to create and adopt Section 90-244 "Amendments to Land Development Regulations and Official Zoning Map" of the Code of the Town of Surfside, to adopt a zoning in progress provision; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

10. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Chapter 2 "Administration", Article IV "Officers and Employees" of the Code of the Town of Surfside, to eliminate a portion

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Costume Suggestions:

- Keep costumes simple & short to prevent tripping and falling; they should also be fireproof.
- Costumes should be made of white or light colored material, preferably with reflective patches or strips, to enhance visibility at night.
- Use make-up instead of a mask so vision is not restricted.
- Props, such as wands or swords should be made of paper, styrofoam or cardboard; these materials are safer than plastic, wood or metal.
- Children should be cautious around pets as the animals may react negatively to costumes.
- Write the child's name on the inside of the costume in case of an accident or if he/she gets lost.

Risky Roads:

- Obey all traffic rules and watch for cars.
- Cross only at corners.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Drivers should be especially observant and should drive slowly through areas where children may be trick or treating.

Contact Police:

- Notify the police if harmful items are found in treats.
- Report all criminal activities such as criminal mischief, rowdy groups of kids or speeding cars.

Trick or Treat Safely:

- Feed your children before they go out so they won't be tempted to eat treats before they've been properly checked.
- Remind your children not to eat any treats before you've inspected the candy.
- Know the route your child is taking and which friends your child will be with.
- A responsible adult or teen should accompany the group.
- Never enter a home.
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN



*The Surfside Police Department invites
all residents to attend a
Crime Prevention Workshop
Wednesday, October 18, 2006, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.*



*Representatives from the
State Attorney's Community Outreach Program "Justice in Motion (JIM)"*

OFFERING FREE:

- Child fingerprinting • DNA kits
- Identity Theft Prevention Information • Halloween Safety Tips

LOCATION:

Municipal Lot across from Town Hall – 9293 Harding Avenue

This event is generously sponsored by:



9448 Harding Avenue

For further information, please contact Surfside Police Special Projects Coordinator, Wanda Flores (305) 861-4862 ext. 283



OCTOBER GAME ROOM HOURS:

Hours of Operation are subject to change.

Monday - Friday	2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Game Room will be closed Monday, October 23 - Wednesday, November 1 for Halloween set-up



SURFSIDE TENNIS CENTER



The regularly scheduled Hours of Operation are listed below. For more information, please call the Tennis Center at 305-866-5176.

Sunday through Thursday	4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday	Open by pre-arranged appointments

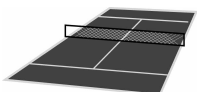
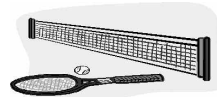
Tennis Classes

Wednesday	Ages: 4 - 6 (Tiny Tot)	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Minimum of 3, Maximum of 4 students per class
Thursday	Ages: 12+ (Junior)	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Limited number of students per class
Fee: \$17 per 1 class; \$63 per 4 classes. Reservation required.			



“Meet, Greet, and Play Tennis”

Monday	Adults	8:00 - 10:00 pm
Thursday	Adults	7:30 - 10:30 pm
Fee: \$9 per person, plus a can of tennis balls		



Once a month a light buffet will be served after the event.

Adult Education Classes

Classes are offered through Miami-Dade County Public Schools at the Surfside Community Center. All classes end Thursday, November 30, 2006.

Current Events

Monday	Ages: 55 +	10:00 - Noon
Yoga		
Tuesday & Thursday	Ages: 55 +	10:00 - 11:30 am
	Ages: 18 +	Noon - 1:30 pm
Drawing and Painting		
Thursday	Ages: 55 +	10:00 - Noon
	Ages: 18 +	12:30 - 2:30 pm

Please call Nautilus Jr. H.S for information on fees and registration 305-531-0451. Call the Recreation Department 305-866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov for scheduling information.

Commissioner's Corner

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being blindsided with an expense of several thousand dollars to tear up and then repave the street in front of your house. The burden of repairing the lateral sewer hook-up under the public right of way was placed on each individual homeowner by a prior administration. This meant for example, that if the vibration of heavy vehicular traffic on the street caused the pipe under the street in front of your house to fracture, you had to fund the entire repair (including tearing up and then repaving the street) out of your own pocket simply because it happened in front of your house. This is a classic example of a "hidden tax" and I always found it to be unconscionable. The current Commission has repealed the Ordinance unanimously.

LAWSUITS

Several lawsuits have been settled. Each had dragged on for years and served no redeeming purpose (unless providing lawyers with millions of tax dollars can somehow be classified as "redeeming"). In order to effectuate these settlements in a manner that benefits Surfside's taxpayers, your elected officials had more executive sessions (shade meetings) in their first several months, than prior administrations had in several years.

CHARRETTE

Many years of wishful thinking have become reality as each and every Surfsider will have a say in our future. A company has been selected to facilitate the Charrette and the Charrette Committee continues their hard work in preparing for what promises to be one of the most important weeks in Surfside's history. The dates will be announced shortly. Community participation is critical as we work together to formulate our vision for traffic, parking, beach walk, business district, parks, community center, zoning, landscaping,

security and many other issues.

ARTS AND CULTURE

No longer limited to sparsely attended evenings with the "Poppy Orchestra", the newly revamped Tourist Bureau has already staged Shakespeare on the Beach and is gearing up for Jazz on the Beach, Art walks in the business district, and many more fun, exciting, educational events that will benefit locals, attract tourists, broadening our horizons, and building unity among our neighbors.

SOCCER MOMS, ETC.

Yes, we have finally joined the rest of small town U.S.A. and our little ones now have a soccer program. It has been a huge success and something that was an absolute natural for our community. Our Parks and Recreation Department, working hand in hand with our Tourist Bureau, will soon formalize plans for the 1st annual 5K race in Surfside. A triathlon taking advantage of our beautiful beach may follow in the future. Shade trees for the parks will be arriving soon. We are actively exploring lights for the 96th Street Park, as well as a dock with kayaking, and many of the other programs that you have asked for.

COMMUNITY CENTER

The building and pool were in a much greater state of disrepair than anyone in the new administration imagined. Fortunately, we are very motivated to find creative funding sources and build the facility and swimming pools that you deserve. This is a high priority and you are urged to attend Community Center Committee meetings. It is my hope that the "Green" Community Center that I have discussed with so many of you will become a reality very soon. Surfside should be on the cutting edge of socially responsible construction. Solar power, a green roof, pervious concrete and many other techniques have been developed and I have been working to identify grant monies that may be available if we make a commitment to environmental sensitivity. To

that end, I recently attended the Environmental Permitting Summer School sponsored by the Florida Chamber of Commerce. I met with the State Water Shed Management Bureau Chief and proposed that he meet with our Manager and speak at a Committee Meeting to explore possible synergy between the State and Surfside. A "Green" municipal facility in an ocean-front environment can serve to advance the science of conservation. The State is very interested in that. In exchange, state funds to assist building our Community Center may be available. Surfside would be very interested in that. This may or may not come to fruition but I believe it is well worth the effort. The current administration is committed to making certain that Surfside receives its fair share of grant monies and state and federal funding allocations. In the past, Surfside has always been left out while our neighboring communities collected millions of dollars. I find that to be unacceptable and I think you do as well. Our budget provides for a grant writer. Please contact the Manager if you are interested.

OTHER

Bingo for seniors is being planned, but it may pale in comparison to the excitement that was generated by our senior's trip to the Hard Rock Casino. By popular demand, we will be repeating this trip again (and again!).

Our pilot program allowing sidewalk dining at our restaurants is going well; valet parking should follow soon.

There are many other projects but I must leave room in the Gazette for other articles. I am confident that in the next 6 months, with your help, we will accomplish even more than in the prior 6 months. We have built momentum and a Better Surfside is on the way. E-mail me with comments, suggestions, or problems at any time, or find me at Flannigan's.

Your friend,

Howard

Letters From Our Residents: Surfsiders, Where Are You? We Need You To Speak Out



Your elected officials want to hear your opinions on local issues (either pro or con). Please mail your letters to the attention of the Town Manager, W.D.

Higginbotham, 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, FL 33154 or send them via email to wdhigginbotham@townofsurfsidefl.gov. The deadline for potential

submission in the Gazette is the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Mayor's View

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the town commission for a vote. This certainly will be a pivotal issue in the future of this area and I am confident that each Commissioner and I will vote to do what is best for the town. Stay tuned!

We've started the budget process and our Manager has proposed a budget which, with our symbolically reduced tax rate, is designed to significantly improve our services and give us over a 2 million dollar surplus. Certainly this surplus will be a major factor and benefit in our plans for Surfside's future. Many thanks to Town Manager W.D. Higginbotham for his hard work in pulling this all together. I've also asked the Manager to join me in evaluating the prospect of using Miami Beach's fire department in the place of the County's fire department to service our Town. Last year our town spent almost \$5,000.00 per call for more than 700 trips for County fire and rescue vehicles. It is estimated that millions could be saved and response time reduced by establishing a working relationship with Miami Beach for these services. I have met with officials from Miami Beach over the past months in this effort and positive and productive discussions are ongoing.

While I've written over and over

again about how proud and excited I am about Surfside's police department, I am certain you have received the news that two officers have been suspended with pay resulting from allegations of a conspiracy to plant drugs and institute an arrest for DUI of a Town resident and a sitting elected official respectively. To say that if these allegations are true, we are truly horrified would be grave understatement. I have asked the Manager to seriously consider a top down study of the entire police department to ensure something like this will never happen again. This study will also help carry out one of my goals for this term which is to streamline and create a department that will be recognized as one of the finest in the County. This study will ensure that our department is given the necessary tools including proper police procedures and policies to begin to eliminate waste, create greater administrative efficiencies, and commence an accreditation process that will go a long way to having excellence in the largest municipal department in the Town and ensure something like this can never happen again. The Police Department must only serve only the best interests of all residents of our Town and nothing less than excellence will be acceptable to me or I'm sure my fellow Commissioners or Vice Mayor.

In the interim, we will make sure justice is served. I have communicated with the Governor to investigate this matter and he has referred my request to

the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Others will also be reviewing these series of events as well. But having said all this, let it be known that we do have a fantastic remaining group of officers patrolling our Town, most of whom I know, personally like and trust. And I have no doubt that the police themselves are eager to have this study done and accreditation process begun. I have no doubt that they too want to be part of a first class Police Department.

In closing, our business district is taking very positive steps in its growth plan, our Tourist Board is planning more events like the Shakespeare on the beach, our Committees are really making great progress in planning the future, residents are being pleasantly and effectively served, speeds are down and homes are safer, symbolically taxes are down and service levels are up, and Surfside is getting even better – all with your continued guidance and help. Please write and let me know how we're all doing!

All the best,

Charlie



Gymnastics:**Resident \$34 / Non-Resident \$56 (per child 6 weeks = 6 classes)**

Come join our gymnastics program taught by certified instructors. Through praise, encouragement and skillful attention, your child will be taught the sport of gymnastics.

Note: Registration in Progress.

Wednesday	November 1 - December 13	
	No class - November 22	
	Ages: 3 - 5	4:00 - 4:55 pm
	Ages: 6 - 10	5:00 - 5:55 pm

Thursday	November 2 - December 14	
	No class - November 23	
	Ages: 3 - 5	4:00 - 4:55 pm
	Ages: 6 - 10	5:00 - 5:55 pm

Hip Hop Jazz Dance:**Resident \$34 / Non-Resident \$56 (per child 6 weeks = 6 classes)**

This dance class is designed to incorporate jazz technique as well as hip hop moves to today's pop music. This class will also improve your child's flexibility as well as coordination.

Note: Registration in Progress.

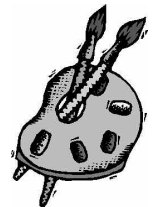
Thursday	November 2 - December 14	
	No class - November 23	
	Ages: 7 - 12	6:05 - 7:00 pm

Arts and Crafts:**Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$60 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Join the fun with this instructional Arts & Crafts program for kids. Children will create projects with paper, fabric, and other age appropriate media. Classes are taught by certified teachers.

Saturday	September 9 - November 4	10:00 - 11:00 am
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Session II Saturday	November 11 - December 30	10:00 - 11:00 am
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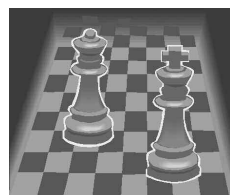
**Chess Program:****Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$65 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

This program is for children that want to learn how to play chess or for children who are familiar with the game and want to improve on their abilities in a fun learning environment.

Note: Registration in Progress.

Saturday	September 9 - November 4	
	Ages: 3 - up	Noon - 1:00 pm

Session II Saturday	November 11 - December 30	10:00 - 11:00 am
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Mommy and Me Yoga:

Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$68 (per person 6 weeks = 6 classes)

This class is fun and playful for children as they bond with their parents in an hour long class based on the Yoga Kids program. From "S is for Snake" pose to "Talking Turtle" pose, children and parents will learn creative techniques on how to calm down when they're hyper, or boost energy when they're tired.

Tuesday

November 7 - December 12

Ages: 1 - 3

10:00 - 11:00 am



Jump Rope:

Resident \$30 / Non-Resident \$48 (per child 8 weeks = 12 classes)

***Please Note: The Jump Rope Program also has an annual Registration Fee of \$50 which includes AAU membership, USA Jump Rope membership, a Hurricane Jumpers T-Shirt and one jump rope. Checks should be made payable to: Hurricane Team**

Classes are designed to inspire and motivate physical fitness through jump rope as a lifetime sport. The beginner Jump Rope Program will be used as a feeder program for the Competitive Jump Rope Team is by invitation only. **Note: Registration in Progress.**

Tuesday and Friday

October 24 - December 12

No class- Tuesday Oct. 31, Tuesday Nov. 7 & Friday Nov. 24

Ages: 7 & up

3:30 - 4:30 pm



Kidokinetics: GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF FITNESS

Resident \$48 / Non-Resident \$60 (per child 6 weeks = 6 classes)

Kidokinetics is a way to improve and enhance your child's fitness. Each week we work on different sports in a non-competitive setting. This program helps to develop their motor skills and self-confidence. We teach the basic of various sports. Our classes are for boys and girls. Free T-Shirt with 1st time enrollment. **Note: Registration in Progress. Classes will be held at 96th Street Park (9572 Bay Drive)**

Thursday

October 26 - December 7

No class - November 23

5:15 - 6:00 pm



Theatrical Dance Class:

Resident \$55 / Non-Resident \$105 (per child 6 weeks = 6 classes)

This class will teach children the beginning stages of musical theatre dance. We will be working on different musicals that everyone knows and the children will love to perform.

Saturday

November 4 - December 9

Ages: 7 - 12

10:30 am - Noon



Acrobatics and Tumbling:

Resident \$34 / Non-Resident \$56 (per child 6 weeks = 6 classes)

Boys and girls are invited to join our tumbling and acrobatics class taught by certified instructors. Learn the basics of both tumbling and acrobatics. **Note: Registration in Progress.**

Wednesday

November 1 - December 13

No class - November 22

Ages: 8 - 15

6:00 - 6:55 pm



SAVE THE DATES:

Monday November 13 through Sunday November 19

Surfside Charrette....Planning Our Future



CHARRETTE TERMINOLOGY*: A CHEAT SHEET

Infrastructure: Physical public service improvements, including utilities, streetscapes and thoroughfares, but excluding buildings and community amenities.

Live/Work: A single-family house or townhouse with the first floor available as a commercial space, either independently leased or in conjunction with the residential unit above.

Mixed-Use: Multiple functions within the same building or the same general area. One of the principles of new urban development from which many of its benefits are derived, including that of pedestrian activity and traffic capture. Suburban zoning categories specifically prohibit mixed-use; new urban ordinances assure it.

Open Space: Area free of building that, together with a well-designed system of thoroughfares, provides a public realm at all scales of urbanism. Specific examples are:

Green - a medium sized public space available for unstructured recreation. A green is surrounded by buildings, its landscape consisting of grassy areas and trees. Greens require limited maintenance.

Square - a public space, seldom larger than a block, at the intersection of important streets. A square is enclosed by frontages; its streetscape consists of paved walks, lawns, trees and civic building. A square requires substantial maintenance.

Park - a large open area available for recreation and fronted by buildings. Its landscape of paths, lawns, trees and open shelters is naturalistically disposed and requires limited maintenance.

Plaza - A public space at the intersection of important streets set aside for civic purposes and commercial activities. A plaza is enclosed by frontages; its landscape consists of trees and durable pavement requiring little maintenance.

Pedestrian Shed: The distance most people will walk rather than drive, providing the environment is pedestrian friendly (equivalent to one-quarter of a mile or 1,320 feet).

Urban Fabric: The general physical aspects of urbanism, emphasizing building types, thoroughfares, open space, streetscapes and frontages apart from environmental, functional, economic and socio-cultural aspects.

***From the Lexicon of the New Urbanism.**

The Charrette process is a series of meetings/workshops held over a number of consecutive days, but the **key to the success of a Charrette is PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**. In the coming weeks, you will learn more about this exciting opportunity for change. Stay informed about the Charrette by coming to the Commission Meetings. Watch Channel 77, check the Website, or read the Gazette. Talk to your neighbors and elected officials.

Realize Your Dreams For Surfside

THE SURFSIDE TOURIST BUREAU HOSTS A **FREE** CONCERT

Jazz on the Beach

Sunday, October 22, 2006 • 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
95th Street & the Ocean



Featuring:
**Pee Wee Ellis, Sammy Figueroa,
Dmitriy Klevenskiy, and Rose Max and Ramatis**

*Visit the Food Court
highlighting Surfside's popular restaurants*

Exciting things are happening in Surfside these days. If you enjoyed "SHAKESPEARE ON THE BEACH" a few weeks ago, you witnessed the first of many exciting music, art, and cultural programs that the Surfside Tourist Bureau is planning for our residents, and that will attract visitors to our community to support our business district and tourist area. Working in tandem with the Surfside Business Association and the Parks and Recreation Department, the Bureau will concentrate on activities that will achieve this result.

Surfside's first ***JAZZ ON THE BEACH*** free concert will be held on Sunday, October 22nd from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at 95th Street on Surfside's oceanfront, with a FOOD COURT representing our town's popular restaurants.

Local Jazz Promoter, Kim Chmura of KCC Productions, has created a program of famous entertainers including Pee Wee Ellis, Sammy Figueroa, Dmitriy Klevenskiy, and Rose Max and Ramatis. This line-up of jazz artists features top rated musicians on Surfside's sandy beach for your listening pleasure.

The Town of Surfside is in a perfect location. We have ocean property that provides a marvelous backdrop for concerts and other events on the beach, and many public spaces where outdoor activities can be staged. If you want to be part of the "Renaissance" movement in Surfside, ***the Tourist Bureau wants to hear from you.*** We are inviting all artists, musicians, performers, and anyone else who may want to help develop interesting projects to contact us. Please phone (305) 864-0722 or email surftourbd@townofsurfsidefl.gov to discuss your particular talent, and how you might get involved.

Upcoming Events:

October 22	Jazz on the Beach
November 19	Art Walk
December 31	New Years' Eve Gala

In the planning stages:

Last Thursday of each month - Harding Avenue - Art Exhibits/Late Sales Nights
Sundays: Farmers' Market



Yoga:**Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefit your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition.



Session I Monday September 18 - November 20 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
No Class - October 2 & October 9

Session II Monday November 27 - January 29 7:00 - 8:00 pm
No class - December 25 & January 1

Pilates:**Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Pilates focuses on core strengthening (abdominals) and helps reshape the body by creating long, lean muscles. It also helps to strengthen the back muscles and increase flexibility.

Session I Tuesday September 26 - November 21 7:00 - 8:00 pm
No class - October 31

Wednesday September 20 - November 8 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Session II Tuesday November 28 - January 16 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday November 15 - January 3 7:00 - 8:00 pm



Surfside Community Center Youth Classes and Programs

Surfside Soccer

**Youth Instructional Soccer Program:****Resident \$65 / Non-Resident \$90 (per child 8 weeks = 16 classes)**

Participants will learn the fundamentals of soccer to include dribbling, passing, shooting, ball control, soccer game rules, scrimmage games, and many other skills. Head Coach will be Gabriel Alves from Cyclone Soccer Inc. Fees include shin guards and practice t-shirt. Balls will be provided at each practice. **Note: Program will be held at 96th Street Park.**

Tuesday & Thursday September 12 - November 2**Ages: 5 - 8****4:00 - 5:00 pm****Ages: 9 - 12****5:00 - 6:00 pm**



Senior Day Trip

Thursday, October 26, 2006

Buses depart promptly at 9:00 a.m. • Buses return at 4:00 p.m.



The Town of Surfside is hosting a day full of fun and adventure at the Hard Rock Casino for all Seniors. The Hard Rock Casino features gaming machines such as Video Poker, Monopoly, Wheel of Fortune, Little Green Men and Texas Tea. The Hard Rock has fifty tables of live action Poker, with everything from Seven – Card Stud and Texas Hold'em to Omaha.

Registration deadline will be Friday, October 20, 2006

Cost: \$10.00 per person for Surfside Residents
\$15.00 per person for Non-Residents



Upcoming Senior Program

Bingo!



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For input on dates & times please call the Parks & Recreation Dept. 305-866-3635



Senior Program Every Wednesday, In the Lanai Room 10:00 a.m. - Noon



The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a morning of activities for Seniors at the Community Center. Come join and play dominoes, cards, board games, mahjong, and more! Activities are Free. Coffee and Light Refreshments will be served

October Programs Surfside Community Center Adult Classes and Programs

Yogalates:

Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Yogalates integrates exercise from Yoga and Pilates. The results are increased flexibility, stronger core strength, and greater overall power and grace. This is an effective and challenging workout for all ages and fitness levels.

Session I Thursday September 21 - November 9 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Session II Thursday November 16 - January 11 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
No class - November 23



Surfside Merchants Form Business Association

The Surfside Merchants' Committee, under the guidance of Town Manager, W.D. Higginbotham, and Association Chairman, Eli Tourgeman, have been brainstorming and working to promote pedestrian traffic in the Surfside Business District, as well as make long overdue improvements to the area.

In just a short period of time much has been accomplished, including the sale of food and beverages "al fresco", four new public parking signs located at the intersection of 95th St. and Harding Ave., umbrella coverage for outdoor tables, the relocation of trash receptacles, additional signage on Collins Avenue, and signage at the 96th street town entrance advertising shops and restaurants.

The next goal for the Merchants' Committee was the organization of the SURFSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, a strong committed group that can now speak as a single voice to protect the interests of the business owners and operators.

Plans are underway for the businesses to join in an upcoming program entitled a "Night Out in Surfside", which will feature art exhibits in the local banks and music by local performers. The Surfside Business Association has much on their plate as they consider group advertising and cross advertising with area hotels, the slowing of traffic on Harding Avenue,

holiday decorations, and enticements for residents and visitors alike. The Surfside Business Association is eagerly looking forward to participating in the upcoming town Charrette to develop a "new vision" for Surfside.

Meet The New Surfside Business Association

Officers:

President	Eli Tourgeman, HSBC Bank
Vice President	Richard Prager, Prager Travel
Treasurer	Claudia Castano, Citibank
Secretary	Constanza Abadia, Bank United
Ass't Secretary	Yorem Padech, MD, Ilonka Schwartz Family Practice

Board of Directors:

David Jacobson - Membership at Large	Bianca's Gourmet Cafe
Rob Mueller - Membership	Bianca's Gourmet Cafe
Alan Maleh - Promotions	Durant's Antiques & Gems
Jose Morejon - Advertising/Publicity	The Beach House Hotel
Richard Iacobacci - Special Events	RCW Construction
Bernard Oberlander - Parking	Oberle Opticians
David Heller - Internet	Surfside Technologies
Chaim Casper - Project Assistant	Surf Florist

COMMUNITY CENTER POOL NOTICE



The Community Center Pool is closed. The Parks and Recreation Department has arranged for the Town of Surfside residents to use the Miami Shores Aquatic facility for the month of October.

The Miami Shores Aquatic Center features Shipwreck Cove, a pool with slides and other water activities, as

well as an eight lane competition pool. Surfside residents must present a valid, updated resident ID card. The Miami Shores Aquatic Center is located at 10200 Biscayne Blvd. Plans are currently underway to arrange for transportation from Surfside to the Miami Shores Aquatic Center. Please contact the Parks and Recreation

Department (305) 866-3635 for further details.

Please note that the use of the neighboring municipal facility is a privilege that the Miami Shores Aquatics Center is extending to the Town of Surfside Residents Only. Please do not abuse this privilege.

The Miami Shores Aquatic Center October Hours of Operation are:

Lap swimming	Swimming pool	Shipwreck Cove
Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Monday - Closed	October 1-15
Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Monday - Friday Closed
Saturday and Thursday 11:00 am - 7:30 pm	Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Saturday and Sunday
	Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Session I 11:30 - 2:00 pm
	Sunday Noon - 5:00 pm	Session II 2:30 - 5:00 pm

*Please note that Shipwreck Cove will be closed from October 16 - Spring 2007
The Miami Shores Aquatics Center will be closing at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2006 for super chlorination.*

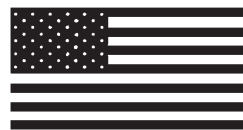


Veterans' Day Ceremonies

Saturday, November 11, 2006

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Veterans' Park (8791 Collins Avenue)



The Town of Surfside will be hosting a Veterans' Day Ceremony. The event will include Presentation of Colors, local Boy and Girl Scout troops, as well as special guests. Light Refreshments will be served.

SURF-BAL-BAY LIBRARY

Storytime: Will resume Tuesday, October 10, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The library is closed Tuesday mornings, so please knock on the door for admittance.

For your reading pleasure...

Adult Books:

Fiction:

- Ricochet *by Sandra Brown*
- The Messenge *by Daniel Silva*
- Angels Fall *by Nora Roberts*
- No Country for Old Men *by Cormac McCarthy*

Non-Fiction:

- Same Kind of Different As Me: a modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound them *together by Ron Hall & Denver Moore with Lynn Vincent*
- Three Guys from Miami Cook Cuban *by Glenn Lindgren, Raul Musibay, and Jorge Castillo*



Childrens' Books:

- Clara Barton: Angel of the Battlefield *by Allison Lassieur* (graphic book)
- El Hundimiento del Titanic *por Matt Doeden* (graphic book in spanish)
- The Wonderful Happens *by Cynthia Rylant* (easy reader)
- Herb, the Vegetarian Dragon *by Jules Bass* (easy reader)
- The Story of Frog Belly Rat Bone *by Timothy Basil Ering* (easy reader)
- Small Steps *by Louis Sachar* (junior fiction)



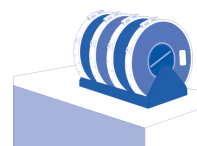
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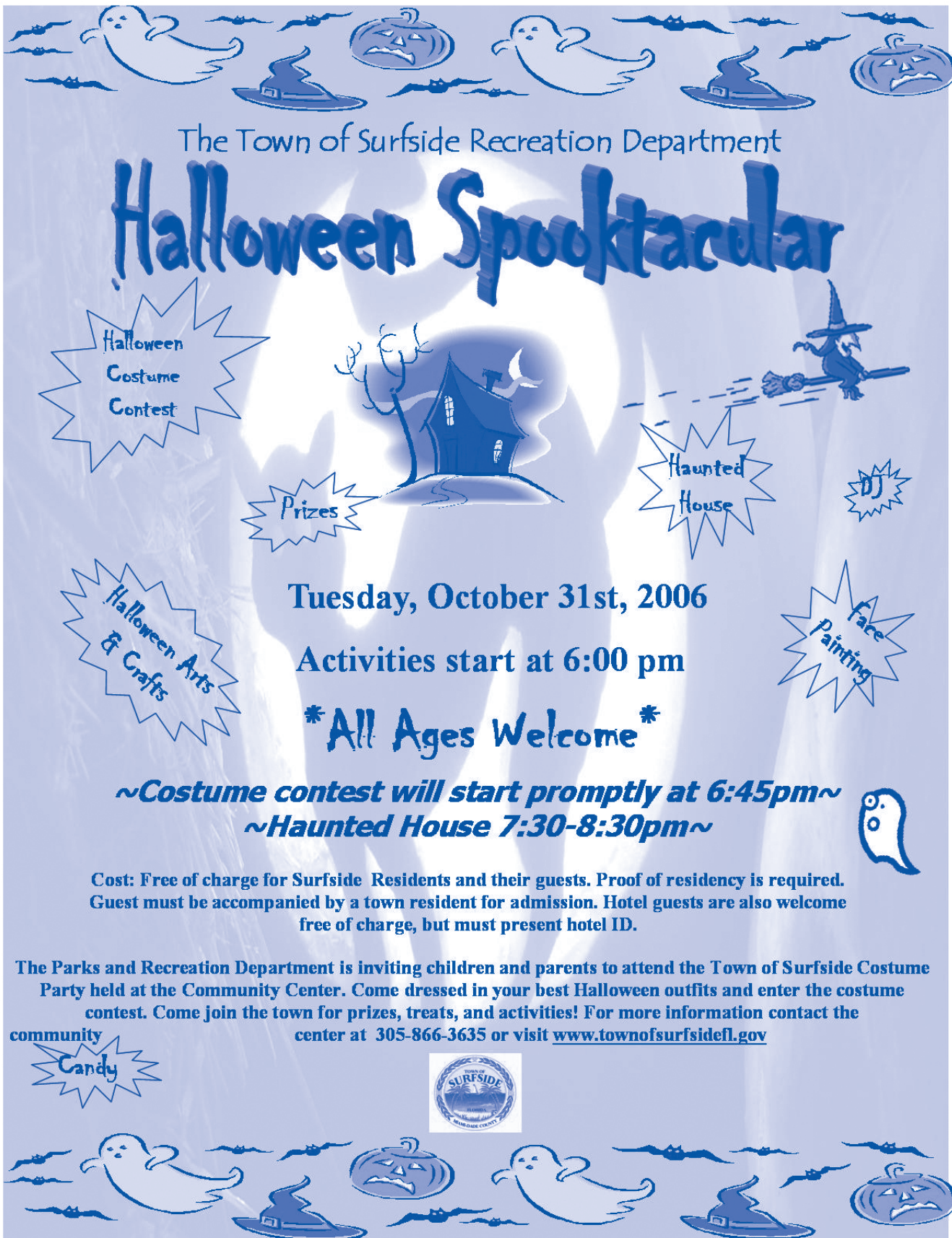
Childrens':

Adult:

- Akeelah and the Bee
- Take the Lead
- Libertine

- The Wiggles--Wiggle Around the Clock
- Brother Bear II
- The Wild





The Town of Surfside Recreation Department

Halloween Spooktacular

Halloween Costume Contest

Prizes

Haunted House

DJ

Halloween Arts & Crafts

Face Painting

Tuesday, October 31st, 2006

Activities start at 6:00 pm

All Ages Welcome


~Costume contest will start promptly at 6:45pm~

~Haunted House 7:30-8:30pm~

Cost: Free of charge for Surfside Residents and their guests. Proof of residency is required. Guest must be accompanied by a town resident for admission. Hotel guests are also welcome free of charge, but must present hotel ID.

The Parks and Recreation Department is inviting children and parents to attend the Town of Surfside Costume Party held at the Community Center. Come dressed in your best Halloween outfits and enter the costume contest. Come join the town for prizes, treats, and activities! For more information contact the community center at 305-866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

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The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

Surfside Luau

Come out and show your Hawaiian spirit and wear your leis as the Town of Surfside hosts a Surfside Luau and will include festivities such as limbo contest, a survivor challenge, dancing, fun, food, and music provided by Rhythm Cities

Let your competitive side come out and participate in the Surfside Survivor Challenge. Adults and children will have the opportunity to participate in the Survivor Challenge.

Survivor Challenge will begin at 6:45 pm. The first 40 people to sign up will be able to participate in the Survivor Challenge.

Sign Up will take place starting at 6:00 pm at the Start of Luau. Prizes will be awarded.

Saturday, October 7th, 2006
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Community Center
9301 Collins Ave
Behind the Community Center,
on the Beach Hardpack

COST: Free for Town Residents and hotel guests with Identification. Otherwise, regular admission applies: \$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children 14 years and under

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For more information contact the Community Center at (305) 866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov



Town Commission

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of Section 2-147 and to create a procedure for ex-parte disclosure and conduct of quasi-judicial hearings and providing severability; inclusion in the Code and for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

11. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending Chapter 54 "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions" of the Code of the Town to create and adopt Section 54-28 "Sexual Offender and Sexual Predator Residency Restriction", forbidding rental or lease of a premises within the Town of Surfside to a sexual offender and sexual predator in violation of the Sexual Offender and Sexual Predator Ordinance contained in Miami Dade County Code Article XVII, as may be amended; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

The following Ordinances were adopted on First Reading and will be heard on Second Reading October 10, 2006.

12. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Chapter 90 "Zoning"

of the Code of the Town to create and adopt Section 90-17 "Charges for Consulting Services Established," Section 90-18 "Escrow Accounts" and Section 90-19 "Collection of Fees" to allow for charges for consulting services; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

13. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending the Town Code by repealing Ordinance 1456 related to landscaping regulations; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

14. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida providing for adoption of standards and governing rules of procedure for all town meetings; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

15. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida creating Chapter 3 "Purchasing" of the Code of the Town to provide for purchasing procedures; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**



"CARIDAD FIGUEREDO DAY IN THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE"

Commissioner **Mark Blumstein** (Background) watches as Mayor **Charles Burkett** presents proclamation to **Caridad Figueredo** in recognition of her accomplishments as Principal of Nautilus Middle School, and her commitment to the children of Surfside and the Miami Beach feeder pattern.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Reserve the date:
Saturday, December 2, 2006
"Movie Under the Stars"



96th Street Park (9572 Bay Drive)
Park gate opens at 6:30 p.m.; movie will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Movie is free of charge for: Surfside Residents and their guests. Proof of residency is required. Guest must be accompanied by a town resident for admission. Hotel guests must present hotel ID. Non-residents will be charged regular pool admission.